

DIARY NOTES

Executive Director-Comptroller



21 October 1965

1. I talked with Bob Bannerman about the TV series which Bruno Augenstein is going to produce based on "authentic espionage methods of the U. S. Government." Bob asked the Office of Security to look into this and to recommend how we can ascertain the facts, after which we will decide what we want to do about the matter.

2. John Warner advised me that we probably would not have a budget hearing for Senator Russell. Russell wanted to cut our budget by [redacted] but has compromised with Representative Mahon on [redacted]. John understood that appropriate letters have been signed by both Russell and Mahon and that we should receive them shortly. I talked to Dick Helms and the Director about this and recommended that we accept the [redacted] cut without a whimper. In the first place, I think that the [redacted] we recently requested for Vietnam is probably fat, and in the second place this seems about the poorest time for us to make a reclama to Senator Russell who undoubtedly knows of Senator Brewster's unsympathetic attitude toward our operations in Vietnam. In addition, if it should appear toward the end of the year that we are going to run short of money, we still might get in on the [redacted] - [redacted] in January.

3. John Bross, Hank Knoche, and I received Commander Reed and Mr. Herbert Bennington from the Department of Defense to discuss "Presidential Support in Crises Situations." They were seeking our reaction to national planning in this area with the Department of Defense being the executive agent and our endorsement in principle of the Deep Underground Command Center (DUCC). We endorsed the national planning idea, offered no objection to the Secretary of Defense being the executive agent, and abstained from taking a position on the DUCC. (Hank will prepare a Memorandum for the Record.)

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